



Young Audiences Western New York

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Honors Music Café Open Rehearsal

December 9, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

City Honors School, 186 East North Street, Buffalo, NY 14204

CHAMBER MUSIC AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM HOSTS OPEN REHERSAL

BUFFALO, NY (12/6/10) – On December 9, the youth participants of *Honors Music Café* will host an open rehearsal at City Honors School from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program, created and presented by Young Audiences of Western New York, engages and educates students in classical chamber music. Working with cellist Nancy Baun, participants are improving their skills performing in small ensembles.

Funded by the Hooper Family Foundation and Young Audiences, Inc., *Honors Music Café* was created to implement Young Audiences' *Signature Core Services* teaching model. This new model emphasizes activities that allow students to experience, understand, create with an art form, and to connect with other curricula and learn life skills. The *Honors Music Café* model, now in its first year of implementation in collaboration with City Honors' Music Department, will be serve as a model for 30 Young Audiences affiliates across the United States.

"Young Audiences is part of a network of the country's leading arts education providers," said Young Audiences WNY Executive Director Cynnne Gaasch. "For the *Honors Music Café* program, we have gone out of our way to partner with some of the region's most outstanding institutions, teaching artists, and education providers to create a program that will help affiliates design similar arts residencies across the country."

Students in the *Honors Music Café* after school program will participate in a number of field trips and public performances in addition to their weekly workshops. Field trips and performances will take place at Albright-Knox Art Gallery and Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.

The after school program includes student participants, grades 6 through 12, and is led by teaching artist and critically acclaimed Cellist Nancy Baun. A seasoned chamber musician, Baun has performed over 1,000 events throughout the United States, Europe, and Canada. In Buffalo, she performs with the Western New York Chamber Orchestra, the Roycroft Chamber Music Festival, and Young Audiences WNY.

More information about the Honors Music Café after school program is available online at www.yawny.org or by calling the Young Audiences WNY office at 716.881.0917.

ABOUT YOUNG AUDIENCES: Founded in 1962, Young Audiences WNY programming is designed around the fact that an arts-rich education provides a child with the ability to look beyond facts and figures; to creatively meet new challenges as they arise. Plus, the arts make learning fun. Introducing curriculum-supportive, arts-based learning provides a varied and compelling environment—engage even the most reluctant learners and give day-dreamers a classroom as rich as their imagination.